

# School Briefs

## ENROLLMENT ESTIMATES

Enrollment estimates reported by Supt. John Maloney as being reasonably accurate are as follows: Jr./Sr. High School, 940; Deer Hill School, 390; and Joseph Osgood School including Kindergarten, 335. Last year's official enrollment figure was 1721. This year's 1665 represents a decline in 56 students, al-

though Maloney said that enrollment may creep as high as 1680.

## RAFTERY MEMBER

Business Manager John Raftery has been appointed a member of the state Special Energy Advisory Committee. He offered to carry energy conservation ideas and suggestions of the school board and others to these meetings.

The Cohasset schools are currently undergoing an energy survey, he reminded the board. Possible lowered thermostat temperatures will require warmer dress for students, committee members noted.

## TOUR POSTPONED

The annual tour of school facilities has been postponed until the evening of the next school committee on Sept. 10.

Presentation of the Teacher Evaluation Committee recommendations will be heard Sept. 17.

## METCO APPROVED AGAIN

The amount of \$102,591, the same level of funding as last year to Cohasset Schools for their METCO program and transportation, was approved unanimously by the committee this week. "We will be able to carry on with exactly the same number of personnel and the same number of aides as last year," Maloney said.

The State Board of Education has to vote later on the favorable board vote. Maloney anticipated that all will go well with the program. "We are looking forward to continuing in a similar manner, starting the first day of school," he said.

## USE OF BUILDINGS

While the Superintendent applauded the excellent use of school facilities by the Recreation Department, he also noted the amount of lighting and heating those activities were expending. A suggestion that 50 cents to a dollar be added to each person's recreation fee be charged to pay for the extra expense was discussed, but no decisions were made on the matter.

## NIX ON INCREASE

A request for a rate increase by the Scituate Auto Driving School was denied by the committee this week, as the contract with the school will be up the end of 1979. The driving school wanted an increase from \$59 to \$69 per student.

## 2ND GRADE TEACHERS

A discussion on whether to retain four second grade teachers brought out the present fluctuating situation in enrollment in that grade. Currently there are 76 children in the second grade, but that total may rise as high as 80, Joseph Osgood Principal Jack Craemer said.

Maloney said that the cut-off point for reduction to three teachers was close, but that he would rather err on the side of small class size for a year. Craemer concurred with Maloney.

## TEACHERS NEEDED

So far the Cohasset School Department is shy one elementary grade teacher, one math aide, one one-fifth time Spanish teacher, one reading aide, and a health education specialist. These are all budgeted positions which have not yet been filled.

"We can open school," Maloney said. "Certified aides can teach. They will be considered along with outside applicants for positions in some cases," he said.

## NEW POSITION

The committee voted a new position of Kindergarten instructional aide to go to Susan Sadler. The money for the job will be taken from the former half-time Kindergarten teacher salary funds. There will be two sessions of Kindergarten with one teacher each, which will now be buoyed by the assistance of the full time aide.

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